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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINSTER SCHEEL'S REPORT ON THE COPENHAGEN
MEETING OF THE NINE EEC FOREIGN MINISTERS

1. FONMIN SCHEEL OPENED THE FALL SESSION OF THE BUNDESTAG
SEPTEMBER 13 WITH A 35 MINUTE REPORT ON THE SEPT 10-11 COPEN-
HAGEN MEETING OF THE NINE EEC FOREIGN MINISTERS. HE CALLED
THE MEETING A TURNING POINT, AND SAID IT HAD BEEN POSSIBLE FOR THE
NINE TO AGREE ON THE IDENTITY OF EUROPE, FOR WHICH THERE ARE
THREE "ORIENTATION POINTS": 1) THE COHESION OF THE EEC, 2) THE
POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NINE VIS-A-VIS THE REST OF
THE WORLD, AND 3) THE DYNAMIC CHARACTER OF WEST EUROPEAN DEVELOP-
MENT.

2. SCHEEL CITED, AS A SECOND SUCCESS OF THE MEETING, THAT IT WAS
NOW POSSIBLE FOR THE NINE TO ENGAGE IN A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE
WITH THE US, AND ADDED THAT "SHOULD PRESIDENT NIXON VISIT
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EUROPE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THE NINE ARE READY TO WORK OUT

WITH AMERICA A COMMON DECLARATION THE US NEEDS A FREE, ECONOMICALLY FLOURISHING WESTERN EUROPE ALLIED WITH IT. WESTERN EUROPE NEEDS THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY ALLIANCE WITH THE U.S."

3. SCHEEL ALSO WISHED SUCCESS TO THE NEXT GATT ROUND, WARNED AGAINST BOTH EUROPEAN CHAUVINISM AND AMERICAN ISOLATIONISM, SAID THAT THE "INTERDEPENDENCE OF WESTERN EUROPE AND THE US IS A POLITICAL REALITY", AND THAT THE CHALLENGE CONTAINED IN DR. KISSINGER'S APRIL ADDRESS HAD BEEN TAKEN UP. SCHEEL ALSO SAID THE THIRD SUCCESS OF COPENHAGEN WAS AGREEMENT ON A UNITED LIST OF THEMES FOR THE EEC-US DIALOGUE, THOUGH DETAILS OF IT COULD NOT YET BE PUBLISHED.

4. SCHEEL NOTED WITH SATISFACTION FRENCH-GERMAN COOPERATION WITHIN THE NINE AND SAID THAT "FRANCE AND WE TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER EUROPEANS WILL DO EVERYTHING FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION." HE ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE EEC'S AGRICULTURAL POLICY COULD BE REFORMED "IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE." SCHEEL THEN TURNED TO OSTPOLITIK, MENTIONING FRG EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE, NOTING THE DIFFICULTIES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRAGUE, AND THAT, "BERLIN AND ITS PROBLEMS WILL ALWAYS BE AT THE CENTER OF OUR POLICY OF DETENTE."

5. SCHEEL SAID THAT NATO COOPERATION HAD NEVER BEEN BETTER THAN IN THE PREPARATION FOR CSCE AND QUOTED HIS REMARKS AT HELSINKI REGARDING THE NEED FOR MORE CONTACT BETWEEN PEOPLE AND INCREASED EAST-WEST EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, NOTING ALSO THE NECESSITY OF REFRAINING FROM INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHERS. SCHEEL EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT CSCE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL, "BUT WE WILL AT THE SAME TIME EXERCISE PATIENCE TO SEE TO IT THAT IT OPENS DOORS BETWEEN MAN AND MAN, FURTHERS EAST-WEST COOPERATION, AND BRINGS SECURITY FOR ALL".

6. HE ENDED BY NOTING THAT THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS HAD ALSO BEEN CAREFULLY PREPARED WITHIN NATO AND, NO DOUBT WITH RECENT CRITICISM BY THE OPPOSITION IN MIND, SAID THAT "THE GHOST OF NEUTRALISM MERELY MAKES THE WESTERN NEGOTIATING POSITION MORE DIFFICULT." HE ADDED THAT THE FRG HAS TWO INTERESTS IN MBFR, TO SEE TO IT THAT 1) THE NEGOTIATIONS CONTRIBUTE UNCLASSIFIED

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TO DETENTE, AND 2) THAT ATLANTIC SOLIDARITY, INCLUDING A US PRESENCE IN EUROPE, IS MAINTAINED.

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